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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A sundries caddy for use with furniture comprising a cushioning object supported by a cushion support structure, said caddy comprising:

 a first member;

 a second member connected to said first member, wherein one of said first and second members is insertable between the cushioning object and the cushion support structure of the furniture so as to define a captured portion of the caddy when inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein the other of said first and second members defines a free portion of the caddy when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein said first and second members are interchangeably operable as said captured portion and said free portion, whereby said free portion is disposed substantially vertically when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure;

 a receptacle having an open end for releasably receiving at least one sundries item therein; and

means for connecting said receptacle to said free portion whereby a user of the caddy can orient said open end of said receptacle upwardly regardless of whether said free portion extends upwardly or downwardly with respect to said captured portion.

2. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 1 wherein at least one of said first and second members is substantially planar.

3. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 2 wherein both of said first and second members are substantially planar.

4. (Canceled)

5. The sundries caddy of claim 1 wherein said first and second members are permanently connected to one another at a substantially perpendicular angle.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The sundries caddy of claim 9 29 wherein said means for permanently connecting said receptacle to

said free portion comprise a pivot whereby said receptacle may be rotated with respect to said free portion.

11. (Currently Amended) The sundries caddy of claim 9 29 further comprising interference means for preventing inadvertent rotation of said receptacle with respect to said free portion.

12. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 1 wherein said means for connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion.

13. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 12 wherein said means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise cooperating hook and loop type fasteners carried by said receptacle and said free portion.

14. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 12 wherein said means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise at least one snap fastener.

15. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 14 further comprising interference means for preventing inadvertent rotation of said receptacle with respect to said free portion.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The sundries caddy of claim 16 30 wherein said free portion comprises means for enhancing engagement of said at least one elastic band to said free portion.

18. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 17 wherein said means for enhancing engagement of said receptacle to said free portion comprise at least one pair of corresponding notches provided along opposite edges of said free portion for receiving said at least one elastic band.

19. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 18 wherein said means for enhancing engagement of said receptacle to said free portion comprise two pairs of corresponding notches provided along opposite edges of said free portion for receiving said at least one elastic band.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 12 wherein said means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise bracket means carried by said free portion for slidably receiving said receptacle.

22. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 12 wherein said means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise a cooperating male and female fastener arrangement.

23. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 22 wherein said receptacle carries the male component of said male and female fastener arrangement and wherein said free portion includes at least one opening defining the female component of said male and female fastener arrangement and adapted to receive said male component.

24. (Original) The sundries caddy of claim 12 wherein said means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise cooperating magnetic means carried by said receptacle and said free portion.

25. (Canceled)

26. (New) A sundries caddy for use with furniture comprising a cushioning object supported by a cushion support structure, said caddy comprising:

 a first member;

 a second member releasably connected to said first member, wherein one of said first and second members is insertable between the cushioning object and the cushion support structure of the furniture so as to define a captured portion of the caddy when inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein the other of said first and second members defines a free portion of the caddy when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, whereby said free portion is disposed substantially vertically when said captured portion

is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure;

a receptacle having an open end for releasably receiving at least one sundries item therein; and

means for connecting said receptacle to said free portion whereby a user of the caddy can orient said open end of said receptacle upwardly regardless of whether said free portion extends upwardly or downwardly with respect to said captured portion.

27. (New) A sundries caddy for use with furniture comprising a cushioning object supported by a cushion support structure, said caddy comprising:

a first member;

a second member connected to said first member, wherein one of said first and second members is insertable between the cushioning object and the cushion support structure of the furniture so as to define a captured portion of the caddy when inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, wherein the other of said first and second members defines a free portion of the caddy when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein said free portion includes an extensible segment for adjusting the length of said free portion, whereby said free portion is disposed substantially vertically when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure;

a receptacle having an open end for releasably receiving at least one sundries item therein; and

means for connecting said receptacle to said free portion whereby a user of the caddy can orient said open end of said receptacle upwardly regardless of whether said free portion extends upwardly or downwardly with respect to said captured portion.

28. (New) A sundries caddy for use with furniture comprising a cushioning object supported by a cushion support structure, said caddy comprising:

a first member;

a second member hingedly connected to said first member, wherein one of said first and second members is insertable between the cushioning object and the cushion support structure of the furniture so as to define a captured portion of the caddy when inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein the other of said first and second members defines a free portion of the caddy when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, whereby said free portion is disposed substantially vertically when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure;

a receptacle having an open end for releasably receiving at least one sundries item therein; and

means for connecting said receptacle to said free portion whereby a user of the caddy can orient said open end of said

receptacle upwardly regardless of whether said free portion extends upwardly or downwardly with respect to said captured portion.

29. (New) A sundries caddy for use with furniture comprising a cushioning object supported by a cushion support structure, said caddy comprising:

 a first member;

 a second member connected to said first member, wherein one of said first and second members is insertable between the cushioning object and the cushion support structure of the furniture so as to define a captured portion of the caddy when inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein the other of said first and second members defines a free portion of the caddy when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, whereby said free portion is disposed substantially vertically when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure;

 a receptacle having an open end for releasably receiving at least one sundries item therein; and

 means for permanently connecting said receptacle to said free portion whereby a user of the caddy can orient said open end of said receptacle upwardly regardless of whether said free portion extends upwardly or downwardly with respect to said captured portion.

30. (New) A sundries caddy for use with furniture comprising a cushioning object supported by a cushion support structure, said caddy comprising:

 a first member;

 a second member connected to said first member, wherein one of said first and second members is insertable between the cushioning object and the cushion support structure of the furniture so as to define a captured portion of the caddy when inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein the other of said first and second members defines a free portion of the caddy when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, whereby said free portion is disposed substantially vertically when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure;

 a receptacle having an open end for releasably receiving at least one sundries item therein; and

 means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion whereby a user of the caddy can orient said open end of said receptacle upwardly regardless of whether said free portion extends upwardly or downwardly with respect to said captured portion, wherein said means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise at least one elastic band carried by said receptacle that is adapted to grippingly engage said free portion.

31. (New) A sundries caddy for use with furniture comprising a cushioning object supported by a cushion support structure, said caddy comprising:

 a first member;

 a second member connected to said first member, wherein one of said first and second members is insertable between the cushioning object and the cushion support structure of the furniture so as to define a captured portion of the caddy when inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein the other of said first and second members defines a free portion of the caddy when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, whereby said free portion is disposed substantially vertically when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure;

 a receptacle having an open end for releasably receiving at least one sundries item therein; and

 means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion whereby a user of the caddy can orient said open end of said receptacle upwardly regardless of whether said free portion extends upwardly or downwardly with respect to said captured portion, wherein said means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise at least one elastic band carried by said free portion that is adapted to grippingly engage said receptacle.

32. (New) A sundries caddy for use with furniture comprising a cushioning object supported by a cushion support structure, said caddy comprising:

 a first member;

 a second member connected to said first member, wherein one of said first and second members is insertable between the cushioning object and the cushion support structure of the furniture so as to define a captured portion of the caddy when inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, and wherein the other of said first and second members defines a free portion of the caddy when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure, whereby said free portion is disposed substantially vertically when said captured portion is inserted between the furniture cushioning object and cushion support structure;

 a receptacle having an open end for releasably receiving at least one sundries item therein; and

 means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion whereby a user of the caddy can orient said open end of said receptacle upwardly regardless of whether said free portion extends upwardly or downwardly with respect to said captured portion, wherein said means for releasably connecting said receptacle to said free portion comprise a pocket attached to said receptacle, said pocket having an open end facing in a direction substantially opposite said open end of said receptacle, said pocket being operable to receive one end of the free portion when the caddy is disposed in a first operative

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orientation and the opposite end of the free portion when the caddy is disposed in an inverted second operative orientation.